

a Notice of Allowance under 37 CFR 1.311, or
an action that otherwise closes prosecution,

and is accompanied by either:

- the Statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e) (see "Statement" below), or
- the fee under 37 CFR 1.17(p).

- after** the mailing date of

a Final Action under 37 CFR 1.113,
a Notice of Allowance under 37 CFR 1.311, or
an action that otherwise closes prosecution,,

and is accompanied by both:

the Statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e) (see "Statement" below), **and**
the fee under 37 CFR 1.17(p).

(2) **Statement**

- The **undersigned attorney** hereby states that each item information contained in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign patent application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. *(If this box is checked, do not check any further Statement boxes.)*

or

- The **person signing immediately below** hereby states that no item of information contained in the Supplemental Information Disclosure was cited in any communication from any foreign patent office in any counterpart foreign patent application or, to the knowledge of the person signing after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

The person making the statement is:

- the inventor(s) who sign(s) below:

Signature of the Inventor(s)

Typed or Printed Name of the Inventor(s)

or

- a person who is substantively involved in the preparation or prosecution of the application, and who is associated with the

inventor(s), or with the assignee, or with anyone to whom there is an obligation to assign the application (37 CFR 1.565(c)) and who signs below:

Signature of the Person(s)

Typed or Printed Name of the Person

Address of Person Signing

or

- the undersigned attorney who signs on the basis of the information:
 - supplied by the inventor(s).
 - supplied by an individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c).
 - in the attorney's file.

Signature of the Attorney (4) Fees

- No Fee** is owed by the applicants.
- The IDS Fee** of \$180.00 under 37 CFR 1.17(p) is enclosed herewith.

(5) Method of Payment of Fees

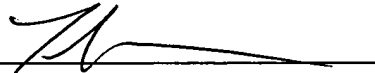
- Attached is a check in the amount of \$180.00.
- Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge the \$0.00 IDS Fee to Deposit Account No. 04-0480.

(6) **Authorization to Charge Additional Fees**

- Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge any additional fees deemed required for consideration of this Paper to Deposit Account No. 04-0480.

A prompt and favorable response is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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